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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### DISTRICT OF HAWAII

TRENDTEX FABRICS, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NTKN, INC., a Hawaii corporation; HUNG KY, an individual; SHAKA TIME, INC., a Hawaii corporation; TROPIHOLIC, INC., a Florida corporation

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-00287-LEK-KJM

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE DEFENDANT TROPIHOLIC, INC.'S ANSWER FILED AUGUST 22, 2022

Judge: Hon. Kenneth J. Mansfield

Plaintiff Trendtex Fabrics, Ltd. ("Plaintiff" or "Trendtex"), by and through

its attorneys, The Duboff Law Group, PC (Pro Hace Vice) and Go Law Office LLLC, hereby moves the Court for an Order striking Defendant Tropiholic, Inc.'s Answer [ECF 40], filed August 22, 2022.

This motion is brought pursuant to Rule 7 and Rule 12(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 81.1(b) of the Rules of the District Court for the District of Hawaii and is based on the memorandum in support of motion, the records, and files herein, and should the Court require, arguments at a hearing of this motion.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, September 8, 2022.

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

Defendant Tropiholic, Inc. ("Tropiholic") has failed to comply with Local Rules of Practice for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii ("LR") when filing its Answer in the current matter. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully moves that the offending pleading be stricken.

# LR 81.1 (b) provides as follows:

**(b)** Entities Other than Individuals. Entities other than individuals, including but not limited to corporations, partnerships, limited liability partnerships or corporations, trusts, community associations, and unions, must be represented by an attorney.

Here, Tropiholic's Answer was filed on August 22, 2022 [ECF No. 40] by an individual, Ms. Roxanne Howard, in the form of a letter. Ms. Howard is the President of the company and is not an attorney. As Tropiholic is not represented

by an attorney during its filing, the filing is in clear violation of the Court's rules.

Plaintiff believes a hearing on this motion is not required as it is based on the LR as discussed above, but respectfully entrusts the matter to the Court's discretion.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing reasons and authorities, Plaintiff respectfully requests this motion be granted.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, September 8, 2022.

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Defendants.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date indicated below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was duly served to the following in the manner indicated below:

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